

REMARKS

Applicant's attorney acknowledges the Examiner's indication of allowance of claims 2-5.

Claims 6-16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 second paragraph as being indefinite. Claims 6-13 have now been amended to overcome each of the deficiencies set forth in the Office action. Those claims should now be in condition for allowance.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over the Turriff et al. patent. While Applicant's attorney respectfully traverses the rejection and submits that Claim 1 as originally presented patentably defines over the Turriff reference by defining the method step of injecting a capturing agent into the vial without otherwise disturbing the sealed condition of the vial, in order to reduce the issues presented in this amendment, Claim 1 has been canceled.

Allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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